

ARKANSAS  
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



September 15, 2003

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 14 OF THE 2003 CROP YEAR

**RELEASED:** September 15, 3PM - Rain showers and cooler weather continue across the state. There were 5 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 1% very short, 18% short, 70% adequate, and 11% surplus.

**CROPS:** Harvest is in full swing for sorghum, rice, and soybeans, and corn harvest is drawing to an end. Across the state, farmers continue scouting fields and applying fungicides or insecticides where needed. Producers began applying cotton defoliate to prepare for harvest. Apples are also being harvested, and pumpkin crops are being monitored.

**LIVESTOCK:** Livestock were reported to be in good condition. For the majority of the state, forage growth has been aided by the cool moist conditions. Producers continued with hay harvesting and preparing to plant fall forages.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN									
Matured*	100	99	100	100					
Harvested	77	58	67	84					
SOYBEANS					2	7	27	43	21
Yellowing	33	25	39	28					
Shedding	20	15	24	26					
Matured	15	9	14	8					
Harvested	9	5	4	5					
SORGHUM									
Turning Color	100	99	98	98					
Matured	97	91	91	90					
Harvested	63	53	65	69					
COTTON					1	6	25	52	16
Opening Bolls	63	44	60	72					
Harvested	1	n/a	0	3					
RICE					1	3	20	49	27
Harvested	32	16	37	40					
WHEAT									
Planted	1	n/a	0	0					
HAY - OTHER					0	7	36	52	5
HAY - ALFALFA					0	3	30	66	1
PASTURE & RANGE .					1	9	33	50	7

\*Corn stages have been updated in the past 5 years. Corn Dented and Matured is a 3 year average.

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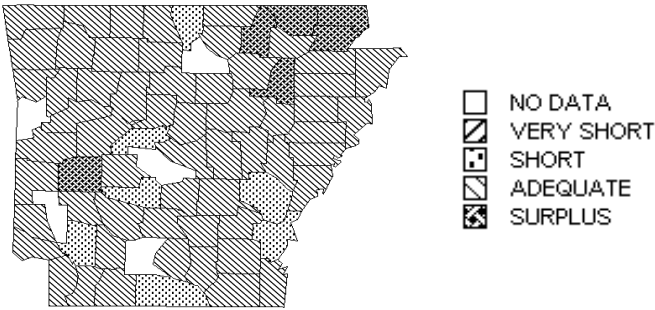
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

September 14, 2003.    Temperatures were below normal.    Precipitation at all reporting stations.    North Little Rock recorded the high temperature of 93<sup>o</sup> and Calico Rock recorded the low temperature of 44<sup>o</sup>.    Precipitation ranged from a high of 4.41 inches at Camden to 0.44 inches at Rohwer.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: September 14, 2003

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING SEP 14	CURR SEP ACCUM.	SEP NORMAL	JAN-AUG	
							2003	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	85	54	-2	1.11	2.87	4.83	25.31	29.51
Harrison	86	56	0	1.68	3.20	4.03	23.63	29.08
2 Calico Rock	86	44	-1	1.61	3.03	4.08	29.20	29.37
Gilbert	88	56	-1	1.30	2.14	3.73	26.36	28.60
Greers Ferry	87	60	0	1.32	3.04	4.10	38.61	32.15
Mountain Home	87	58	2	0.76	1.40	4.33	28.33	28.51
3 Batesville	88	57	-1	2.08	4.69	3.58	46.09	30.45
Jonesboro	88	58	-1	1.07	2.19	3.12	37.36	29.90
Keiser	91	57	1	0.55	2.18	3.65	33.36	33.10
Newport	91	60	0	1.06	1.73	3.49	43.16	31.37
4 Booneville	91	58	-2	1.28	1.93	4.04	21.92	30.50
Clarksville	90	61	1	0.91	1.71	3.88	25.21	29.53
Dardanelle	91	62	0	2.14	3.40	3.56	22.02	31.18
Ft. Smith	91	63	0	1.86	1.99	3.61	20.34	28.13
Mena	86	53	-1	2.62	3.77	5.07	27.24	36.74
Ozark	89	56	0	3.18	3.76	3.70	26.85	28.63
5 Conway	88	62	0	2.30	3.90	3.71	40.97	30.90
Hot Springs	91	56	-2	1.31	4.90	4.05	33.37	36.94
Little Rock	92	65	1	2.79	3.39	3.71	27.35	32.53
N Little Rock	93	65	2	2.76	3.33	3.53	27.22	31.58
6 Brinkley	90	63	1	0.90	2.20	3.02	25.83	33.08
Marianna	88	62	0	0.61	2.20	3.16	26.28	35.21
Stuttgart	91	60	1	1.85	2.36	2.86	30.30	30.30
7 Hope	90	60	-2	1.59	2.32	4.06	30.91	34.94
Texarkana	92	62	-1	1.36	3.25	3.40	24.33	29.94
8 Camden	90	63	1	4.41	5.08	3.60	29.63	34.72
El Dorado	91	62	-1	1.53	3.14	3.29	27.40	36.89
Warren	91	60	0	1.71	2.49	3.71	32.05	36.68
9 Eudora	92	63	1	0.45	2.35	2.71	32.07	38.85
Pine Bluff	91	60	0	2.65	3.00	3.20	30.69	34.51
Rohwer	90	66	3	0.44	2.67	2.91	31.08	34.70